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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
: Confirmation Number: 2296
Hiroshi HAJI, et al. : Group Art Unit: 2823
: Examiner: George R. Fourson III
Serial No.: 09/781,563
Filed: February 13, 2001
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 11, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

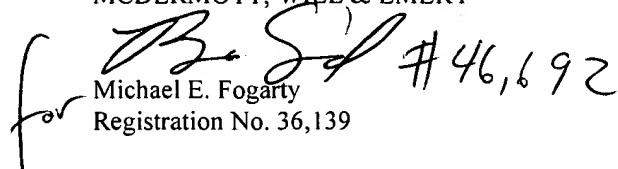
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	22	23	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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